ARMY PUNISHMENTS

THE PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR VIOLA-TIONS OF MILITARY LAW.

nes and Incidents Attending Some Executions on the Pield in the Confederate Army-A Thief Drummed Out-of Camp-Sad Story of a Convicts Life.

It has been said-inter arms, silent leges-

in times of war the law is silent; and in a great measure this adage is true, so faras the operations of the civil laws are concorned, as was well exemplified on both sides of the fence, so to speak, in our late civil war. But, as there is law in civil life.so is there in the military, only that the latter is more hide-bound—its code being the army regulations, supplemented by the large discretionary power of the commanding officer. In the earlier part of the civil contest, when the volunteer troops considered themselves as good as their officers, the privates in very many instances being superior to those placed by fortune over them, both in education and social position, were very restive under the salutary restraint of military discipline, and if the superior officers had not been wise enough to make allowances for this state of feeling and to relax the strictness of the rules with discretion at the outset it is probable that serious mutinies would have hampered the efforts of the commanding generals on both sides.

But even at that period punishments for the refractory were put in practice—confinement in the guardhouse, the ball and chain, extra police duty, riding the wooden horse, carrying a rail, &c., &c. It is not, however, of those minor punishments I wish to write in this sketch. They were the common incidents of camp life, and conveyed no special warning to the offenders or their comrades. the army regulations, supplemented by

IT IS OF THOSE SEVERER PUNISHMENTS, cruel, doubtiess, in themselves, but absolutely necessary for discipline, which carried to the hearts of all who witnessed them, the necessity of prompt and strict obedience to the rules governing the vast machine—the army—of which they were an integral part. The lesson was theroughly learned by the volunteers later on in the war.

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When Gen. Johnston's army fell back from before the lines of Gen. McClellan in front of Washington, in the fall of 1861, toge into winter quarters at Conterterville, his army had been brought into a very fair state of discipline for those days. As weaks went by and discipline was relaxed, the monotony of life and the vices engendered by a long stay in the idleness of winter quarters began to tell upon the morale of the army. Insubordination was rife, and the gouerais determined to put the screws down, so to speak, upon the morale of the army. Insubordination was rife, and the generals determined to put the screws down, so to speak, that discipline might be restored. Accordingly daily arills were resumed whenever the weather would permit, and quarter-guards and camp-guards were rigorously maintained. About this time two of the men of the Louisinan Tigors, or the 6th Louisians regiment of infantry (I forget new which), attacked one of their officers on account of some order he had given them which was distasteful to them, and beat him within an inch of his life. They were a rough set, those Louisianians, by the way. The offenders were tried by court-martial and ordered to be shot on a day stated. New, up to this time, as far as my memory serves me, there had been no military execution in the army of Northern Virginia, and it was not generally believed that the sontonce would be carried into effect. It was thought to be too sovere a panishment for merely putting a head on a subordinate officer. But considering the lax state of discipline existing, Gen. Beauregard, in whose section of the joint command of Jeanston and himself the ceudemned men were enrolled, determined to make an example that would prove to the entire army that the commander-in-chief was in deadly earnest to maintain discipline. Strenuous efforts were made to save these men, and telegrams came pouring into headquarters as thick as flies in August, but to no avail. Ex-governors, congressmen, and other influential men besieged the headquarters, but the general was obdurate.

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on the DAY ser for execution the brigade to which the regiment of the condemned men was attached was drawn up in a large open field in three sides of a square. The priseners, seated on their coffus in an open wagon, followed by a strong guard, were then driven into the center of the square, where two graves had been dug. Thousands from the other brigades of the army had flocked to witness the spectacle. The coffus were placed beside the open graves and the doomed men were blindfolded and forced to kneel upon them. To render the scene mere impressive, while the firing plateon were making ready the band of the brigade played a funeral dirge. A flash, a roll of smeks, and the men fell forward on their faces, and all was over. A fatigue party buried them where they fell, while the troops, were marched off to their camps, deeply impressed with the idea that military rule was of iron. It needs that military rule was of iron when the military rule was of iron when the military rule was of iron when the deadful scene had a wholesome effect. ON THE DAY SET FOR EXECUTION

more of the nature of a comedy than a tragedy, and yet the punishment was more diagraceful to the men involved than in the case of those shot to death as than in the case of those shot to death as above stated. After the retreat from Yorktown the regiment was encamped below Richmond. Frequent complaint was made by men of the different companies of thefts committed on their effects. As the men were well acquainted with each other, and had fought and hied together it was hard to lay the finger of suspicion on any one. A strict watch was kept, and at last the thefts were fixed upon two recruits who had lately joined one of the Alexandria companies. Now, I wish to say right Now, I wish to say right companies. Now, I wish to say right here that in three years of service in this regiment I do not remember a single in-stance, but the above, where a man was caught stealing from his comrades. Even when almost starving, the men would not surreptitiously take even a crast from the haversack of a comrade. On the contrary, in my company, at least, it was share all around the contrary, in my company, at least, it was share all around in time of scarcity, although it must be acknowledged that when the cooks doled out the scanty rations each man was ready to take the best pieces. But to our tale. A court-martial condemned the aforesaid theves to have their heads shaved, a placard marked "thief" at-tached to their backs, and to

tune of the Eogue's march. It happened that I was corporal of the guard in charge

felt no mere compunction of conscience. Calling in two of the guard to hold the scoundries in a convenient position, I seized the shears and took my first and last lesson as a barber. I think the job was well done, for I cut to the skin in some places and left their heads atriped like a zebra's back. At 3 p. m. the regiment was drawn up as if for dress parade, and I marehed the thieves out with a file of bayonets at the back of each, and when all was ready paraded them up and down before the line with the fifes and drume ratifing away merrily at the "Regue's March" behind them, amid rears of lauguser from the Eveny garment in our stock marked down Elseman Bros., corner 7th and E.

presence. Taking the pitiful fellows to the boundary of the camp they each received a kick in the rear from the guards and were sent on their way rejoicing.

In a previous article I alluded to the exegution of a man named Radeliffe, a conscript from southwest Virginia, who had been assigned to the ist Virginia battalion of infantry. He was a mountaineer with a large family of children, and

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WAS ALWAYS PINING FOR HOME.

He was utterly worthless as a soldier.

After deserting and being brought back two or three times, he finally desperately wounded a guard who endeavored to balk still another attempt to desert. He was castured, court-martialed, and sentenced to be shot, although the court for a long time hesitated to pass sentence, as some of the members believed the man to be half-witted. Had not Radeliffe nearly killed the suard he would have only been confined, as ns. lid not attempt to desert to the enemy but to go home, but the assault determined the minds of the court. On being brought out for execution the poor devil biasphomed and howled and struggled with the guards in a heart-reading manner, and it was not until he saw that his prayers for mercy were useless that he braced up like a man, and quietly kneeling upon his coffin received in his bosom the fatal bullets. I have ever thought, and I think still, that the execution of this man was a stain on the court that tried him, under the circumstances. He was a monomaniac on the subject of home. His captain deemed him irresponsible, and the majority of the officers of the battallon were of the same opinion. I had been transferred to this battallon at this time, and I know that I was in favor of locking Radeliffs up instead of shooting him.

Speaking of punishments, I don't know that I was more forcibly struck by anything I witnessed during the atruggle than by the following incident: In the autumn of 1804 Capt. Charles A. Davidson's company (1st Va. battallon), in which I was a lieutenant, was detached from the command and ordered to assist in dismounting the heavy artillery from the Howlett House battery on the James river, and in removing to and remounting them in the new batteries which had been constructed a mile or two up stream directly opposite Dutch Gap. The company was assisted in this heavy labor by the saliors of the WAS ALWAYS PINING FOR HOME.

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from the Richmond penitentiary, these latter, however, doing separate work from the soldiers and sailors. One day Davidson and I were passing along the rifle pits, where the convicts were digging, when one of them raised his finger to the penitentiary guard and requested permission to speak. It was granted, and he spoke to Davidson by name. The latter stopped, and, after looking carnestly at the man, exclaimed; "My God! What are you doing here? I thought you had been pardoned." The convict mournfully snock his head, and when Davidson took his hand burst into a passion of tears. "Is there anything I can do for you," said Davidson.

"No!" the peor wretch replied; "I am dead to my family and to the world, and am in hell. Yet my body is alive, and I shudder to commit suicide."

In watching the scene I confess tears came into my eyes. As I learned afterward, here was a scion of one of the mest prominent and respectable families of the Virginia valley, who had deliberately flung himself to the bad. Starting out in the war as a young lieutenant in a crack cavalry company, he had suffered his passion for women, liquor, and gambling to carry him from shady act to act, until a last he committed forgery, and wound up by stealing a span of horses and a carriage, in the act of solling which he was arrested. Tried by court-martial he was cashiered and turned over to the civil authorities, by whom he was sentenced to a five years' term in the ponitentiary. All his family influence could not save him or abase the rigor of the sentence. His offensas were too gross for clemency. After we had left him Davidson never went near him again. It was too painful, but he managed to obtain some abatement of the labor imposed on the wrotched man while the convicts were stationed near our camp.

Thus I have attempted to portray as briefly as possible a phase of army life which is touched upon very lightly by the histories.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to the advertisement of the lady managers of the National Homeopathic hospital fair and bazar at Marini's hall, 914 E street, and the saucouncement of a 'Punch and Judy' matines at 2 p. m. Saurday for the calidren.

GEN. GRANT'S MEMOIRS.

"Gath" Tells How the Work Came to be Started and What It Em-

Said I: "Mr. Chaffee, what kind of reminiscences is Gen. Grant writing?" "I understand," said Mr. Chaffee, "that he is writing his recollections of his career between the surrender of the confederate army under Gen. Lee to him It needs and the close of his political administra-

tion."

All who were present applauded this selection of Grant's career as the most needful to be portraved. Said Mr. Chaffee: "I never knew Gen. Grant to be so interesting and original as when reviewing the events of Johnson's administration. A great many things happened at ing the events of Johnson's administra-tion. A great many things happened at that time, when I was a delegate in con-gress, that I knew nothing whatever about, and Grant is informed about every-thing."

Gen. Grant preserves the homely sim-plicity of his character, that which has so much attached to him men of all parties

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who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance. If he had been a successful man in
business I have my doubts whether he
would have retained as many friends.
People would then have said: "Grant is a
man of talent, and ought to have succeeded at anything."

But it was his fate to be the victim of
the most remarkable swindle in the business history of the country, and the
depth of his distress was so silent and
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the finishing toilet of the pilferers, as it
were. I felt sorry for the men, had as
they had shown themselves to be, for the
disgraces which they must undergo seemed
but little preferable to death itself. Entoring the test where the men were contined I found tham playing cards.

"You men must undergo your sentence
at So clock," said I, "but you must bear
up. You have brought it on yourselves,"
"Oh, never mind, corpy" said one of
them, and they were both laughing.
"We're glad to get loose. We'll be enjoying life while you fellows are food for
the worms."

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Cincinnati Enquirer. Snear reduction in Mon's Neckwear. R. H. Tayler, 906 Feansylvania avenue, has reduced 75 ets, and 51 claudent and pull scarfs to 50 cents each. He does this to reduce his immense stock and to give his customers the benefit before the heighty instead of waiting until afterwards and then reducing when all had been supplied.

CAPT. C. C. SIMMS'S DEATH The Health Department Employes Express Their Regrets-Some Fresh Facts in His Career.

A meeting of health office employes took place yesterday to take action upon the death of Capt. C. C. Simms, Dr. Smith Townshend in the chair, and Cooper McGinn secretary. In voicing the regret at the death of their late co-Cooper McGinn secretary. In voicing the regret at the death of their late collaborer and companion several facts of interest in his career were developed by those present. It appears that he served with distinction in the United States navy before the war, having served in the expedition that succeeded in recovering the Arcticexplorer, Capt. Kane, without the loss of a single life. He lost all he possessed by his confederate service, and returned to his home, in Georgetown, soon after the close of the war, entering the health department soon after the appointment of Dr. Townshend in 1878. The sentiment of the meeting, which was of unaffected sainers, was formally voiced in a series of presmbles and resolutions, the principal one of the later being that "in the death of Capt. Simms we have each of ne loss a loyal, steadfast, and beloved friend, the department has lost an officer who was faithful, efficient, ourgetic, and untiring, the community a true and respected citizen, the circle of society an ornament which cannot be replaced, and his own home circle a loved and loving father and deveted husband."

It was also resolved to attend in a body the funeral, which takes place at 1 p. m. to-day from 1233 Thirty-first street. The following pallscarers were selected on the part of the office: Gwynne Harris, Dr. Poole, T. R. Shepherd, and Dr. Parsons. To MOVE THEM—We shall sell alothing of every description at prices that will tempt you to purchase. Eiseman Bros., corner 7th and E.

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